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In re Divisional Application) Customer No.: 23,422
For: Catheter Having A Soft Distal Tip)
Inventor: R. Hamilton et al.)
Application Serial No.: Unassigned)
Filed: November 19, 2001)
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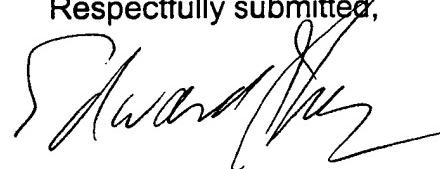
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to obtain a filing date of November 19, 2001, for the above divisional application. A copy of the application as Express Mailed on November 19, 2001 is attached as Exhibit A. The original application as filed with a check for \$740.00, Request for Filing Divisional Application and two return receipt postcards are also enclosed.

Applicant's counsel Express Mailed the above application on November 19, 2001, requesting the priority date of the parent application Serial No. 09/471,053, filed on December 21, 1999. A copy of the Express Mail receipt is attached as Exhibit B indicating a mailing date of November 19, 2001. However, due to the U.S. Postal Service interruption declared on November 16, 2001, the Express Mail package in which this application was mailed was returned to applicant's counsel. A copy of the notice from the U.S. Postal Service which was attached to the returned Express Mail package is attached as Exhibit C.

This petition has been timely filed. In the event any fees are due for this petition applicant respectfully request that such fees be charged to Deposit Account 13-0201, noting Attorney Docket Number 9600.6471.

Respectfully submitted,



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